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O'BRIEN et al.

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For: CA125 GENE AND ITS USE FOR
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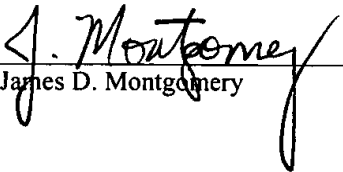
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Document AA – U.S. Patent No. 6,335,194 issued to Bennett et al. on January 1, 2002 discloses antisense compounds, compositions and methods for modulating the expression of Survivin. The compositions comprise antisense compounds, particularly antisense oligonucleotides, targeted to nucleic acids encoding Survivin. Methods of using these compounds for modulation of Survivin expression and for treatment of diseases associated with expression of Survivin are provided.

Document BB—U.S. Patent No. 6,451,602 issued to Popoff et al. on September 17, 2002 discloses antisense compounds, compositions and methods for modulating the expression of human PARP. The compositions comprise antisense compounds, particularly antisense oligonucleotides, targeted to nucleic acids encoding human PARP. Method of using these compounds for modulation of human PARP expression and for treatment of diseases associated with expression of human PARP are provided.

Document CC – Chambers J A et al., “Isolation of the Murine Nbr1 Gene Adjacent to the Murine Brca1 Gene,” *Genomics* 15 December 1996, vol. 38, no. 3 (1996-12-15), pages 305-313, XP002301958 ISSN: 0888-7543. The abstract provides as follows: the human NBR1 has previously been identified using polyclonal sera to CA125, an ovarian tumor antigen used in monitoring ovarian cancer. The gene was mapped to the BRCA1 region on chromosome 17q21 and subsequently found to lie in close proximity to the recently identified BRCA1 gene. The NBR1 protein has a B-box motif but the function of the protein is as yet unknown. To investigate the function and importance of this gene, we have studied the conservation of this gene in other species and in particular in the mouse. We have isolated murine Nbr1 cDNA and genomic clones. Translation of the cDNA sequence indicated that the protein is highly conserved, being 89% similar and 84% identical to the human. Analysis of the murine Nbr1 genomic clones indicates that it maps less than 1 kb from the Brca1 gene and that, unlike that in human, this region is not duplicated.

Document DD – O'Brien et al, “The CA 125 gene: a newly discovered extension of the glycosylated N-terminal domain doubles the size of this extracellular superstructure.” *Tumor Biology: The Journal of the International Society for Oncodevelopmental Biology and Medicine*. 2002 May-Jun, vol. 23, no. 3, May 2002 (2002-05), pages 154-169, XP008037160 ISSN: 1010-4283. The abstract provides as follows: CA 125 is a well-established marker for patients diagnosed with ovarian carcinoma. It is clearly elaborated in serous cystadenocarcinomas and less likely to be expressed in mucinous tumors. It has been 20 years since CA 125 was first recognized and it is only in recent years (the past 2) that some progress has been made toward cloning the gene, providing the basis for an understanding of the functional role of this molecule in embryonic development and neoplastic transformation. It is now clear that CA 125 is a large glycoprotein which is anchored to the epithelium by a transmembrane domain and is released into the extracellular space by enzymatic cleavage. Here, we describe a further major extension to the glycosylated extracellular amino terminal domain of this molecule. These additional data in association with our previous understanding of this molecule will provide the basis for our ability to understand the physiologic function of this molecule in biologic development and pathologic transformation.

Document EE – International Patent Application No. PCT/US99/30270 by Mitcham et al., published on June 22, 2000 discloses compositions and methods for the therapy and diagnosis of cancer, such as ovarian cancer, are disclosed. Compositions may comprise one or more ovarian carcinoma proteins, immunogenic portions thereof, polynucleotides that encode such portions or antibodies or immune system cells specific for such proteins. Such compositions may be used, for example, for the prevention and treatment of diseases such as ovarian cancer. Methods are further provided for identifying tumor antigens that are secreted from ovarian carcinomas and/or other tumors. Polypeptides and polynucleotides as provided herein may further be used for the diagnosis and monitoring of ovarian cancer.

Document FF – European Patent Application No. 88106516.3 by Timothy J. O'Brien, published on October 26, 1988 discloses a 40 kilodalton subunit of CA125 antigen, useful in the diagnosis and monitoring of ovarian cancer. It also relates to an immunoassay method for detection of the antigen in serum for diagnosis and monitoring purposes.

Document GG –International Patent Application No. PCT/US02/14768 by Lloyd et al. published on November 21, 2002 discloses an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising sequences encoding the CA 125 protein or a portion thereof. This invention also provides a method to detect ovarian cancer in a subject. Furthermore, this invention provides a method for the diagnosis of a cancer which expresses CA 125 by detecting CA125-expressing cells in the blood or other fluids of patients. This invention also provides a method of producing CA 125 protein. Finally, this invention provides a method to treat or prevent cancer using a vaccine comprising CA 125 nucleic acid or protein.

Document HH – Database Genbank 1997, Robert Strausberg, Ph.d.: "EST name: nu02e01.s1" XP002301205 retrieved from NCBI. Database accession no. AA640762.


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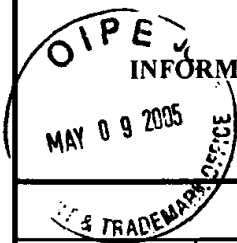
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